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SUBJECT: SPANISH LEGALIZATION

1. MADRID PRESS CONTINUES COMMENTARY LEGALIZATION
SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY. APRIL 11 DIARIO 16 (MODERATE
LEFT SENSATIONALIST) EDITORIAL: "THE OBLIGATIONS OF
LEGALITY MUST NOW BE FULLY ASSUMED BY THE SPANISH
COMMUNIST PARTY TOWARD ITSELF, TOWARD THE OTHER
POLITICAL FORCES AND TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT. THE
MEASURE THAT WAS TAKEN CONTRIBUTES TO RATIONALIZING
THE POLITICAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY...FROM NOW ON,
NOBODY CAN ASSUME A LEGITIMACY THAT HE CANNOT PROVE
WITH THE FORCE OF VOTES."

2. APRIL 11 INFORMACIONES (CENTER) COLUMNIST ABEL
HERNANDEZ: "COMMON SENSE AND POLITICAL SENSE HAVE
FINALLY IMPOSED THEMSELVES...THE SUAREZ GOVERNMENT,
WITH THIS DIFFICULT AND ALMOST HEROIC DECISION, HAS
TAKEN A DECISIVE STEP TO CONSOLIDATE THE DEMOCRATIC
PORCESS AND GUARANTEE THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE
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FIRST GENERAL ELECTIONS...THE SUPPOSED VETO OF WASHINGTON
FELL WITH THE ACCESSION OF CARTER TO THE WHITE HOUSE...
THE LEGALIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS IN A SENSE
THE OVERCOMING OF THE CIVIL WAR AND THE OLD REGIME...
THE SPANISH COMMUNISTS HAVE ON THEIR OWN SHOULDERS, IN
GREAT PART, THE RESPONSIBILITY...THEIR CAPACITY IN THE
COMING ELECTIONS IS JUDGED TO BE VERY LIMITED. THE

SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY MUST RESIGN ITSELF TO BEING
A VERY MINOR PARTY, BY PUBLIC WISH. ITS HISTORY AND
THE HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR WILL NOT BE EASILY
FORGOTTEN."

3. APRIL 11 ALCAZAR (RIGHTIST): "IN THE SEATS OCCUPIED
BY THE FANS, FANS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND FANS OF
THE GOVERNMENT, THE SHOUT OF JOY SOUNDED LIKE A
BELLOW: 'GOAL!' THE GOAL WAS ONE THAT THE GOVERNMENT
KICKED BETWEEN ITS OWN GOALPOSTS...THE SEPARATISTS
STRIKE OUT ON THEIR OWN, THE COMMUNISTS ARE GIVEN A
FREE RIDE, AND THE TERRORISTS...ARE LET OUT ONTO THE
STREET...THE CARNAVAL IS OVER. FACED WITH THE COMMUNIST
THREAT THE SPANISH PEOPLE KNOW WHERE EACH ONE IS.
WHO IS THE FRIEND AND WHO IS THE ENEMY."

4. APRIL 12 EL PAIS (LEFT CENTER) DARIO VALCARCEL
EDITORIAL: "IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SPANISH COMMUNIST
PARTY IS TODAY THE BEST SUPPLIED WITH INTERNAL DISCIPLINE
AND FOREIGN AID OF ALL THE PARTIES. IGNORING THE
EXISTENCE OF THIS PARTY, PROHIBITING ITS LEGAL EXISTENCE,
IS LIKE IGNORING THE GUADARRAMA MOUNTAINS...THE GOVERN-
MENT LIMITED ITSELF TO RECOGNIZING THAT THIS VISIBLE
AND POWERFUL ACCIDENT IN THE NATION'S POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY
EXISTS AND THAT IT LACKS EXCEPTIONAL MERIT...IT IS
COMFORTING TO DISCOVER THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT
LACK COMMON SENSE...FINALLY, THE COMMUNISTS ARE ON THE
NATIONAL STAGE, NOT BEHIND THE DECORATIONS OR IN THE
BASEMENT...CONTRARY TO APPEARANCES, COMMUNISM TODAY
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IS PASSING THROUGH THE GREATEST DIFFICULTIES OF ITS
HISTORY...SOVIET COMMUNISM, WHICH IS ITS FUNCTIONING
MODEL, DOES NOT OFFER TOO MANY INTERESTING THINGS TO
THE WESTERN WORLD. TECHNOLOGICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY,
THE EAST DEPENDS EVER MORE UPON THE WEST. MOSCOW HAS
PUT NOT ONE MAN ON THE MOON, HAS PRODUCED LESS CULTURE,
LESS LIBERTY AND LESS BUTTER THAN THE NEOCAPITALIST
WORLD, PERSECUTES ITS DISSIDENTS, CANNOT OVERCOME ITS
INTERNAL REPRESSION AND, TO TOP IT OFF, HAS NOT MANAGED
TO PRODUCE A CONSIDERABLE MILITARY THREAT TO THE UNITED
STATES...TOTAL, ZERO."

5. APRIL 12 ABC JOSE MARIA RUIZ GALLARDON EDITORIAL:
"IT IS FAIR TO ASK IF IT IS POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE THAT
THE SUAREZ GOVERNMENT LEGALIZES A PARTY WHICH PROCLAIMS
ITSELF REPUBLICAN, FEDERALIST, THAT WANTS TO DISMEMBER
THE NATIONAL TERRITORY, LEGALIZE ABORTION, AND THAT DOES
NOT RENOUNCE..VIOLENCE." ITEM.RYLANCE

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